

To: **Personal Email/Ex. 6**
From: Sanchez, Yolanda
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 5:18:25 AM
Subject: RE: Contacting Healthcare Officials

Scott,

Unfortunately, we are really stretched thin in our response to the Gold King Mine emergency. I pushed back my flight today. I'll be flying out of LA after the meeting, so that I can participate in an 8:30 AM meeting on Friday morning.

Could we schedule a time to talk on the phone on Monday or Tuesday? I know it's not ideal.

Yolanda Anita Sanchez, MS, MPA

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From: **Personal Email/Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Sanchez, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Contacting Healthcare Officials

Hi Yolanda,

Sure, we can meet either Thursday or Friday. Will see you at the meeting too.

Sincerely,

Scott

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S®4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Sanchez, Yolanda" <Sanchez.Yolanda@epa.gov>

Date: 08/10/2015 10:04 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Scott Hookey <hookey@usc.edu>

Cc: pemodog@sbcglobal.net, "MARTINEZ, YARISSA" <martinez.yarissa@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Contacting Healthcare Officials

Scott,

I was hoping we could schedule some time this week to talk. I will have time on Thursday evening or Friday morning, as I will be in Torrance for Cynthia's meeting.

Thank you for your kind words earlier this summer. It means a lot. I can only vaguely imagine the frustrating situation you are finding yourself and your family in, and I do want to be helpful to you.

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From: Scott Hookey **Personal Email/Ex. 6**

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:46 PM

To: Sanchez, Yolanda **Personal Email/Ex. 6**

Subject: Re: Contacting Healthcare Officials

Hi Yolanda,

I really appreciate you taking the time to work with me, but something is not right here. Are you telling me that my crawl space Carbon Tetrachloride level that is double the indoor-air screening criteria, a crawl space Chloroform level that is three and a half times higher than the indoor-air screening criteria, and the presence of TCE in my bedroom that is higher than the indoor-air screening criteria does not meet the criteria for EPA intervention? Especially given that these chemicals and others found in higher levels than the indoor-air screening criteria that are found in my home correlate with confirmed 2012 VI data on top of the Montrose site. I sincerely believe that impartial professionals, the media, and the court of public opinion might feel differently.

Yolanda, of all the EPA employees that I have spoken to, I sincerely feel that you are the most empathetic and professional. I want you to know that that goes a long way with me! I will always be willing to work with the EPA and welcome retesting, but until the EPA works to come up with an intervention that rids my home of chemicals that are linked to chemicals from the Montrose VI data, I am going to loudly push back against your criteria and demand EPA intervention.

I plan on following up with PEHSU in the near future, and I am very thankful that you provided me with that resource

Thanks for caring!

Scott Hookey

On Thu, Jun 25, 2015 at 4:01 PM, Sanchez, Yolanda <Sanchez.Yolanda@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott, thank you for further clarifying that your goal is to secure an effective air filtration system for your house.

If, in the course of conducting vapor intrusion sampling, EPA finds high levels of indoor air contaminants and evidence that those contaminants are directly related to a Superfund site, EPA may take a number of actions, including installing an air mitigation system at the property. Please note that the type of air mitigation system in such an instance would not be a portable indoor air filter, but rather a system generally installed outside the house and designed to reduce airflow from underneath the property.

At this stage, we are unable to meet your request to provide an air filtration system. As we discussed this weekend, EPA did find indoor air contaminants at your home at concentrations higher than the Superfund program's health-based standards. It is not clear, however, that these elevated concentrations are related to the Montrose or Del Amo Superfund sites. EPA is continuing to investigate vapor intrusion in your neighborhood, which is why we requested to resample your house.

I do believe that the PEHSU will be an excellent resource for you regarding your questions on environmental health concerns due to the indoor air contaminants, and I highly encourage you to reach out to them. A family practitioner may be another resource.

Thank you so much for your continued patience. And, please feel free to contact me on additional questions and concerns.

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From: Scott Hookey [<mailto:hookey@usc.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:38 PM

To: Sanchez, Yolanda [Personal Email/Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: Contacting Healthcare Officials

Yolanda,

Thanks for the quick reply! I will definitely contact PEHSU. However, I am a little confused about the potential outcome of contacting PEHSU. My goal is to have the EPA (or somebody) provide me with an effective air filtration system so that my home is safe to procreate and live in or come up with a safe alternative. I am willing to put in the leg work and contact PEHSU, but I am very concerned that it is a red herring and will not get me any closer to achieving my goal.

Thank you,

Scott Hookey

On Wed, Jun 24, 2015 at 12:17 PM, Sanchez, Yolanda <Sanchez.Yolanda@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott,

Thank you for reaching out. Last Saturday in our discussion with Dana, I mentioned that I wanted to connect you with the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) in California. Here is their number: [415-206-4083](tel:415-206-4083) or toll-free at [1-866-827-3478](tel:1-866-827-3478). My EPA colleague, who is a liaison to the PEHSU has reached out to them to let them know you may be calling.

PEHSU is a national network of experts in pediatric environmental health located throughout North America. The network is jointly funded by the EPA and ATSDR. The PEHSU has specialized knowledge of how exposures can impact children's health and development. In Region 9, we work with the [Western States PEHSU](#), which has a main office at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and a satellite office at the University of California Irvine (UCI). The Western States PEHSU has a team of doctors, nurses, toxicologists, and other children's environmental health experts who are available to discuss questions and concerns with parents, care givers, and others about children's symptoms that may be related to environmental exposures.

In February, Cynthia Babich and I had talked about engaging with the PEHSUs more after the vapor intrusion investigation. I haven't had an opportunity to speak with her about it since then. But, it's a great time to further explore future collaboration.

I'm available if you want to talk further today at: [602-758-0335](tel:602-758-0335). My office number is also below.

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From: Scott Hookey [<mailto:hookey@usc.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:10 PM
To: Sanchez, Yolanda
Subject: Contacting Healthcare Officials

This is Scott Hookey. I live at 20426 Raymond Ave in the Montrose/Del Amo neighborhood. We spoke Friday about you contacting someone regarding the VI data in my home and the likely hood of installing an air filtration system so that my wife and I can begin to try to safely have a baby.

Thank you,

Scott Hookey
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